

Notes to the Town

Several issues were raised, thoughtfully considered and addressed by the Town Board this last month. Some serious in nature others speaking to the cultural flavor of our community. Requests were accepted for the upcoming budget 2003 year.

As a Town Board we have been asked to partner with the School and Village to fund a School Resource Officer (SRO) position. We currently fund one half of a County Drug Task Force Officer and one half of a DARE Officer with our partner the Village. In our 2003 budget year the request changes to one third of an SRO. We took time to consider the changes to how the community addresses the drug issues in our community. The board by vote is supporting the SRO position for one year on a third share basis with the School and Village. The Town portion will be paid for by Town Outside budget.

We are still working towards the solution of sidewalks to the new school campus with the group too. Cooperative efforts will lead us to the most effective method to provide for the community safety as the school district makes that move.

We also entertained the question of sending to the voters in November a change of Highway Superintendent position being appointed rather than elected. The Town Board after holding a public hearing and time to consider responses from the board, there was no action taken on this issue. Highway Superintendent position will remain in tack as an elected position and the question will not be taken to the voters.

Town Clerk reports that troubles remain with the NYS DEC Decals program for issuance of hunting licenses. We are in contact with the DEC on a daily basis. Computer system, printing, correct fees charged and on line services are all problems encountered on a daily basis. We find the interface with the public difficult due to the lack of support for the new licensing system. Yet this is the only way to purchase hunting licenses in the State. Constant communications with our state elected officials keep them in touch with the irregularities with this newly created system faults.

Through our committee appointments we have the following actions being taken:

Cemeteries: Headstone repairs are completed at Myrtle Street and Church Street and work is progressing at E Main Street Cemetery. Much needed attention will be given to the Fort Hill Cemetery.

Assessment: By local resolution the Town will commence annual re-assessment. All surrounding towns are using this method and it results in a more fair distribution of municipal costs, whether school, town or village tax.

Building: Highway Facility was officially opened on September 27th. 75 people toured the building that is the new home to Jerry Roth and Highway Staff. We look to black topping the driveway this year and seeding the lawn in front of the two buildings also. We are addressing the need to fix up the old hangar building

in next years budget to prepare for the 75th anniversary of the DA Woodward Airport.

Court: In our court department the judges report an increase in case load since the first of the year. They are in the beginning stages of learning about Drug Court and Youth Court. These additional features will be evaluated with in the next year. We have begun accepting credit card payments for fines at court. This feature seems to be catching on.

Highway: The move into the new facility has given opportunity to inventory and evaluate stored items. The staff has nicely moved the useable items into neatly arranged storage areas and are making organized use of the old hangar building in the parts rooms. Those residents on Keeney Road will share with us the newly surfaced road is welcomed. Next year Church Road is the targeted area for new surface. The Highway Superintendent is following the work of the water lines to put the finishing touches on the roads after being torn up. Compliments to the staff.

Insurance: We are budgeting for an increase in all of our insurance coverage's of 12-15% as directed by our insurance agencies. Workmen's' Compensation through the County Self-Insurance program has increased by 52%. These are significant increases to the Town Budget. Research into alternate ways to provide these insurances is ongoing.

Master Plan: Was accepted by the Board this past year. Smart Growth on a County wide basis is due for the two year review. LeRoy is planning on hosting one of these county wide meetings. We have the responsibility to look at where development is trending and where the planning effort has identified that same development and find the synergy between the two.

Transfer Station/Recycling: Currently we are operating under the contract of three years ago. We are inviting bids for the next three years for the service at Circular Hill Road station. Don't forget, this month the roll-offs are at the Transfer Station for large items. Punch cards are sold at Town Hall.

Parks and Recreation: 2003 will bring under the Town Administration the entire Recreation department. Shared service costs will still be in effect due to the ownership of the park land and some facilities. We welcome Kathy Bujaski and the future that this consolidation of services this offers the community. All recreation funding will come from the A fund from 2003 forward, spreading the cost over the entire town tax base more evenly shares the cost.

Water: In this year we have seen the installation of water line in Limerock and services will begin shortly. Water District #6 has been funded by Rural Development and bids were opened last week. The bids were favorable enough to allow for 8" pipe all the way to the south end. This enhances the quantity of

water through out the district. We are currently working to formalize a contract with the Village Administration for water supply and service to this district. UTI was the apparent low bidder on the project at total cost of \$379, 454. State Rural Development has yet to award the contract and hold a pre-construction meeting and the construction begins. The project is slated to be substantially completed on April 30, 2003. Homeowners in that area may begin in the spring to hook their homes into the water line. Extension #1 to the Consolidated District is still trying to secure funding through Rural Development. We are requesting that each homeowner in that district submit to a raw water sample to the Genesee County Health Department. This information will garner more points for the competitive nature of the grant funding.

Our regularly scheduled meetings for the next month are October 24, November 7 and November 21. All meetings are held at 7:00PM in the Town Hall. Plan on joining us.

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